



The Affinity Bridge by George Mann

In an alternate 1901 London where steam-powered taxicabs fill the streets and brass automatons have begun to replace human labor. Sir Maurice Newbury and his assistant, Miss Veronica Hobbes, are summoned to investigate the crash of a cyborg-piloted zeppelin.

Steampunk Edited by Jeff and Ann VanderMeer

Presents stories about mechanistic golems, infernal machines, airships, alternative histories, other planets, and how the genre has influenced movies, television, comics, and the Internet.

Steampunk II: Steampunk Reloaded

Steampunk Bible

Perdido Street Station by China Mieville

In squalid and brutal New Crobuzon, a Garuda requests eccentric crisis theorist Isaac to work with lab specimens, particularly a caterpillar that feeds on a hallucinatory drug until its evolution, when it will invoke malignant terror.

The Scar

The Iron Council

The Iron Wyrms by Lilith Saintcrow

Emma Bannon, forensic sorceress in the service of the Empire, has a mission: to protect Archibald Clare, a failed, unregistered mentath. His skills of deduction are legendary, and her own sorcery is not inconsiderable. Unfortunately, they can barely tolerate each other...

The Red Plague by Affair

Soulless by Gail Carriger

When Alexia, a soulless spinster with the ability to negate supernatural powers, accidentally kills a vampire, her life goes from bad to worse when Lord Maccon, a gorgeous werewolf, is sent by Queen Victoria to investigate.

Changeless

Blameless

Heartless

Timeless



Mainspring by Jay Lake

The world is a giant clockwork mechanism powered by hidden gears and moving along a track through the sky. When the Archangel Gabriel visits apprentice clockmaker Hethor, instructing him to take the Key Perilous and use it to rewind the Mainspring of the Earth lest the world come to an end.

Steamed by Katie MacAlister

After an explosion in his lab, Dr. Jack Fletcher is shocked to wake up beside his sister in a Victorian airship, complete with a no-nonsense captain and crew, all of whom are outfitted in late nineteenth-century fashion. Jack thinks he has gone back in time; instead he's astounded to learn that it's a parallel universe where technology is still at the steam engine stage.

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

After inventing a machine that moves through time, the Traveler leaves Victorian London and goes far, far into the future. At first, the world he discovers seems peaceful and prosperous. But as he looks below the surface he realizes that things are not exactly as they first appeared.

Jack Cloudie by Stephen Hunt

After narrowly escaping the gallows for a bank robbery gone wrong, Jack Keats is pressed into service in the Royal Aerostatical Navy aboard a run-down airship, with a seemingly mad captain, on its way to the deserts of Cassarabia.

The Difference Engine

by William Gibson and Bruce Sterling

Considered by many to be the foremost example of the steampunk genre, this story takes place in alternative 1855 London. Not only is the industrial revolution in full swing, but the computer age has begun.

The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters

by Gordon Dahlquist

It began with a simple note: a letter of rejection from Miss Temple's fiancé, written on crisp Ministry paper and delivered on her maid's silver tray. But for Miss Temple, Roger Bascombe's cruel rejection will ignite a harrowing quest for answers, plunging her into a mystery as dizzying as a hall of mirrors.

The Dark Volume

The Court of the Air by Stephan Hunt

When streetwise Molly Templar witnesses a brutal murder, her first instinct is to run back to the poorhouse where she grew up. But there she finds her fellow orphans butchered, and it slowly dawns on her that she was the real target of the attack. For Molly is special and she carries a secret that marks her out for destruction by enemies of the state.

Tarnished by Karina Cooper

A heiress by day and a hunter of vagrants, thieves and murders by night, Cherry St. Croix, whose brilliant scientific mind sets her apart from respectable Society, must choose between both worlds when a monster stalks London's streets.

Gilded

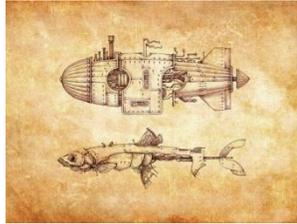
The Bone Season by Samantha Shannon

Set in the mid-21st century where major world cities are controlled by a formidable security force and where clairvoyant underworld cell member Paige commits acts of psychic treason before being captured by an otherworldly race that would make her a part of their supernatural army.

Boneshaker by Cherie Priest

In the early days of the Civil War, rumors of gold in the frozen Klondike brought Russian prospectors who commissioned a great machine that could mine through Alaska's ice. But on its first test run the Boneshaker went terribly awry, unearthing a subterranean vein of blight gas that turned anyone who breathed it into the living dead.

Clementine
Dreadnought
Ganymede
Fiddlehead



The Manual of Detection by Jedediah Berry

Charles Unwin toils as a clerk at a huge, imperious detective agency. When Travis Sivart, the agency's most illustrious detective, is murdered, Unwin is suddenly promoted and must embark on an utterly bizarre quest for the missing investigator that leads him into the darkest corners of his soaking, somnolent city.

Anno Dracula by Kim Newman

It is 1888 and Queen Victoria has remarried, taking as her new consort Vlad Tepes, the Wallachian Prince infamously known as Count Dracula. Peppared with familiar characters from Victorian history and fiction, the novel follows vampire Geneviève Dieudonné and Charles Beauregard of the Diogenes Club as they strive to solve the mystery of the Ripper murders.

Bloody Red Baron
Judgment of Tears

Stormdancer by Jay Kristoff

Sent by a murderous Shima Isles Shogun to capture a believed-extinct griffin, Yukiko embarks on her mission and is soon stranded in the wilderness with an injured griffin, with whom she makes a stand against corrupt authorities.

Kinslayer

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, Vol. 1

by Alan Moore

It's 1898 and at the behest of M, the mysterious head of the secret Service, Champion Bond is dispatched to procure the services of Miss Mina Murray, adventurer Allan Quartermain, "Science-Pirate" Captain Nemo, Henry and Hawley Griffin. Together, they must combat an insidious threat that will decide supremacy of the London skies, but their success may unleash a far greater threat.

The Somnambulist by Jonathan Barnes

A tale set in Victorian London introduces the characters of stage magician and detective Edward Moon and his silent sidekick, whose fiendish plot to re-create the apocalyptic prophecies of Samuel Taylor Coleridge threaten the British Empire.

The Iron Duke by Meljean Brook

Rhys Trahaearn has built a merchant empire on the power-and fear-of his name. And then a dead body is dropped from an airship onto his doorstep, bringing Detective Inspector Mina Wentworth into his dangerous world. But when Mina uncovers the victim's identity, she stumbles upon a conspiracy that threatens the lives of everyone in England.

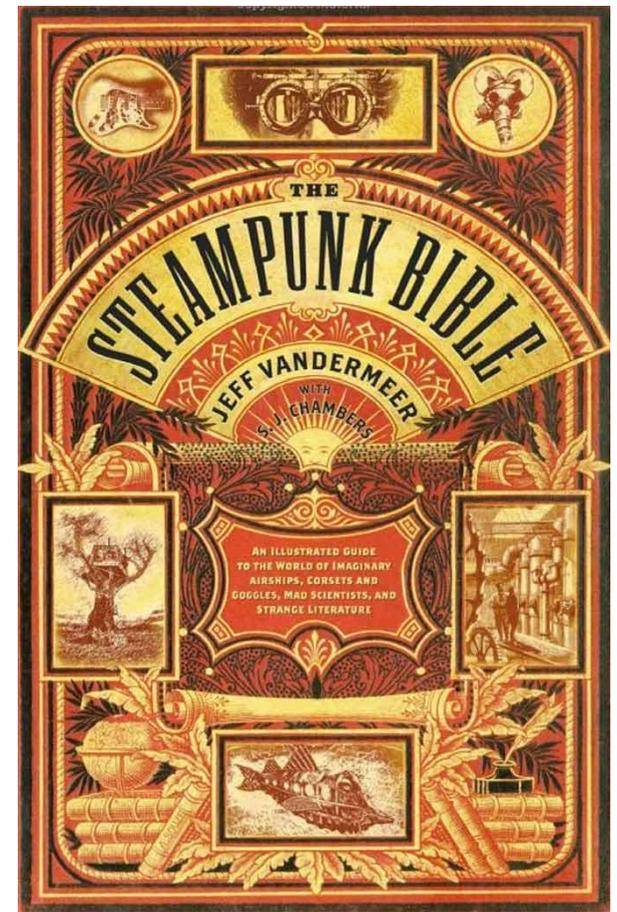
Heart of Steel
Riveted

Doktor Glass by Thomas Brennan

After finding a faceless body on the suspension bridge stretching across the Atlantic, Inspector Matthew Langton worries about an assassination plot targeting Queen Victoria and uncovers chilling activities linked to an illicit soul trader.



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